

Jeff Tuller Forestry Services

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House Regulatory Reform committee

Dear committee members:

I would like to express my concern about Senate Bill 481 that eliminates state licensing for the occupation of forester. I am currently a practicing consulting forester with over 25 years of experience at various forester jobs for both public agencies and private companies. At every facet of my forestry experiences it has been very helpful to be licensed by the state of Michigan as a forester. It is no doubt that the clients that I work for expect to see the standard of experience and knowledge that this license represents. It gives them the assurance of allowing me to give them accurate and useful information about managing their important natural resources. Keeping the status of licensed forester only helps to boost forestry in the state of Michigan that is a key part of our economy. Therefore I plead that you vote to not allow Senate Bill 481 to take away our privilege of being licensed as foresters.

Sincerely,

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